

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Page 43, the third full paragraph, lines 19 to 24, replace the paragraph with:**

In Example 3 of Embodiment 1 of the present invention, as a means for accumulating many wall charges when the load factor is increased, a voltage (hereinafter a post-discharge voltage) is applied around a time when a main discharge by one sustain pulse ceases such that an absolute value of a voltage difference  $V_s - V_y$ , a voltage between the sustain electrode pair, exceeds the voltage  $V_s$ .